

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 151

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Rachel Rose Parker of Kingston.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Rachel Rose Parker of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Parker was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Roane County, Rachel Rose Parker was born just south of Kingston on May 10, 1920, to Robert Tipton Rose and Trula Bryan Rose; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Parker served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of the Tennessee Valley Authority from 1939 until 1953; she later worked as a realtor for many years and rendered sterling service as a member of the Planning Commission of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, an avid historian, she was a member of the Board of the Roane County Heritage Commission and the Avery Trace Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; she played an active role in the restoration of the Old Roane County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Parker was an active and devout member of Kingston United Methodist Church, where she helped start and worked tirelessly in support of The Clothes Closet program; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Ora Lee Yerger, Virginia Bacon, and Betty Lynn Jacobs; and her husband of fifty-five years, J.C. "Babe" Parker, Rachel Rose Parker is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Norma Parker, and her three grandchildren, Rebecca Parker, Matthew Parker, and Elizabeth Parker; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Parker leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Rachel Rose Parker, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Rachel Rose Parker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.